

Sandy newsletter

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New Planner Emphasizes Personal Preparation

Disasters can strike at any time, without any warning.

Now is the time to get you and your family prepared for what may come in the form of a disaster or emergency. Sandy City is doing something for its citizens to help them achieve that.

The city is making available to each household in Sandy a preparedness planner outlining the concepts of personal disaster preparedness.

The goal of the planner is to help each resident of Sandy realize the importance of assuming the responsibility of self-reliance.

One of the main reality checks emphasized in the planner is why the city, in some instances, will not and cannot come to an individual's rescue. In the event of a major catastrophe, all available resources such as fire, police and public service personnel will be responding to the most critical incidences and working to restore basic services. Most residents that have called 911 in the past have had response from emergency personnel within 5 minutes. If a disaster does occur, those personnel will most likely be involved in other major incidents with only limited services being available. The better prepared you and your family become, the easier it will be to cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

The city has made emergency preparedness a priority, regularly partnering with FEMA, the State and the County on planning, training and exercises. The city is also partnering with local organizations

for provisions and basic services but has also learned through the experience of other communities that this aid is only part of what citizens need.

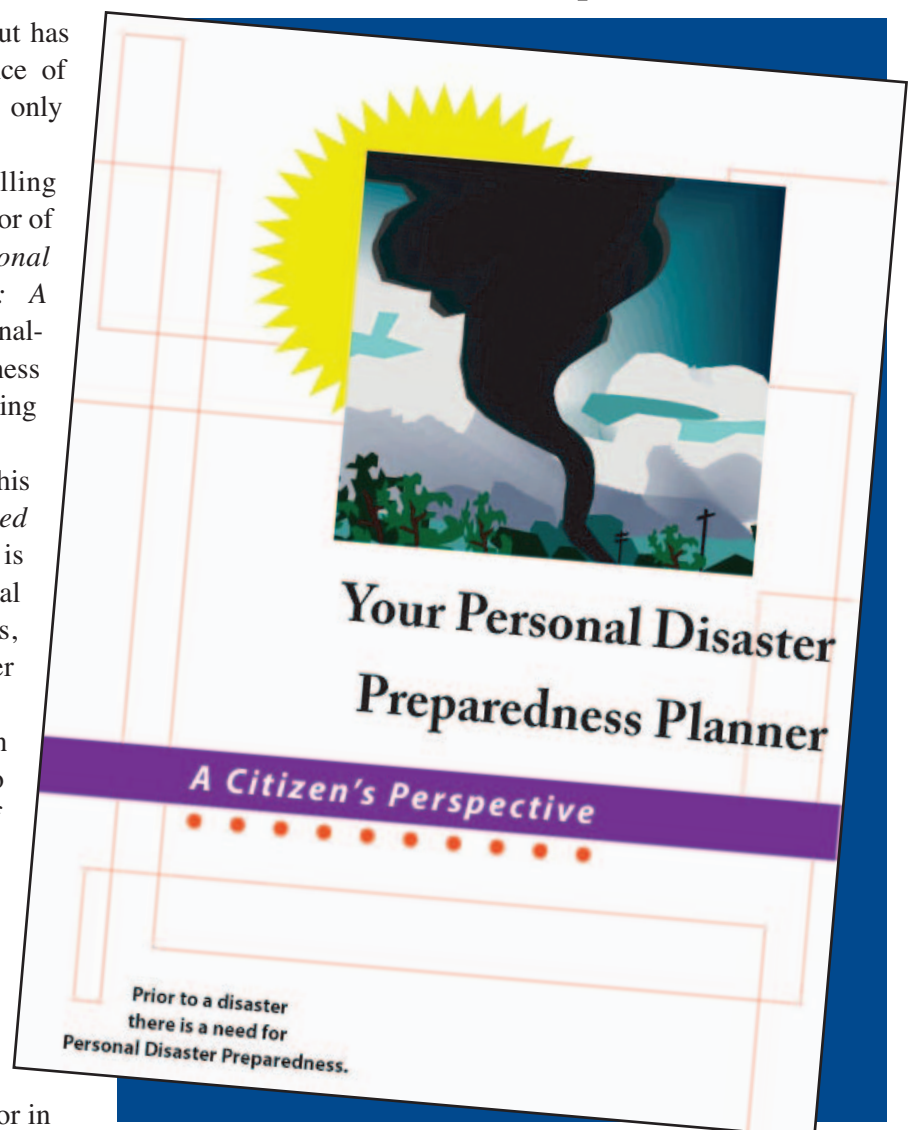
Sandy resident and best-selling author Barbara Salsbury is the creator of the planner, titled, *Your Personal Disaster Preparedness Planner: A Citizen's Perspective*. She is a nationally recognized personal preparedness expert and one of America's leading authorities on self-reliance.

Mrs. Salsbury has designed this booklet to be used as a *personalized* disaster preparedness planner. It is created to be utilized as a personal workbook to be used to make notes, lists, reminders and record other pertinent information or research.

The concepts and principles in the planner will be taught to interested residents through one of eight free workshops, which are scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, May 2, 16, June 6, 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 6, 20, 27 and June 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All workshops will take place in the Multi Purpose Room (top floor in room #341) in Sandy City Hall.



Look for a copy of the planner as an insert in the April edition of the Sandy Journal. The planner is also available online at www.sandy.utah.gov/planner

Beautification Contest Begins in April



October's landscape winner for 2008 was William and Marquette Mansell.

Sandy City's Annual Beautification Contest begins in April and runs through September. The beautification contest is sponsored to encourage property owners to maintain or improve the aesthetics of their yard. This year's emphasis is on landscaping that promotes water wise ideas and concepts. Out of the nominations that are received, two monthly winners will be chosen. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate and a sign announcing the award placed in their yard. Each monthly winner will then be eligible for the Grand Prize to be awarded in October.

Visit the website to view past winners and obtain an entry form at www.sandy.utah.gov/beautification. Past recipients are welcome to enter this year's competition. Residents are allowed to nominate their own properties.



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